

1 / 1 point

### Tree ensemble

Whiskers

Present

Absent

Not cat

Ear shape

Pointy

Floppy

Cat

Not cat

Ear shape

Pointy

Floppy

Face shape

Round

Not round

Not cat

Not Cat

Whiskers

Present

Absent

Cat

Not Cat

Face shape

Round

Not Round

Cat

Whiskers


Present

Absent

Cat

Not Cat

New test example



Ear shape: Pointy  
Face shape: Not Round  
Whiskers: Present

1. For the random forest, how do you build each individual tree so that they are not all identical to each other?

- ☐ If you are training B trees, train each one on 1/B of the training set, so each tree is trained on a distinct set of examples.
- ☒ Sample the training data with replacement and select a random subset of features to build each tree
- ☐ Sample the training data without replacement
- ☐ Train the algorithm multiple times on the same training set. This will naturally result in different trees.

✓ Correct

Correct. You can generate a training set that is unique for each individual tree by sampling the training data with replacement. The random forest algorithm further avoids identical trees by randomly selecting a subset of features when building the tree ensemble.

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2. You are choosing between a decision tree and a neural network for a classification task where the input  $x$  is a 100x100 resolution image. Which would you choose?

- ☐ A decision tree, because the input is structured data and decision trees typically work better with structured data.
- ☐ A neural network, because the input is structured data and neural networks typically work better with structured data.
- ☐ A decision tree, because the input is unstructured and decision trees typically work better with unstructured data.
- ☒ A neural network, because the input is unstructured data and neural networks typically work better with unstructured data.

✓ Correct

Yes!

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3. What does sampling with replacement refer to?

- ☐ Drawing a sequence of examples where, when picking the next example, first remove all previously drawn examples from the set we are picking from.
- ☐ It refers to using a new sample of data that we use to permanently overwrite (that is, to replace) the original data.
- ☒ Drawing a sequence of examples where, when picking the next example, first replacing all previously drawn examples into the set we are picking from.
- ☐ It refers to a process of making an identical copy of the training set.

✓ Correct

Yes!